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SUBJECT: AMERICAN ESCAPE COMMITTEE THREAT TO MEXICAN  
INSTALLATIONS.

1. METRO MEDIA TV NEWS APRIL 8 CARRIED FILM CLIP INTERVIEW  
WITH UNIDENTIFIED MEMBERS ORGANIZATION CALLED "AMERICAN  
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ESCAPE COMMITTEE." MEMBERS OF THIS "COMMITTEE" INDICATED

THEY PLAN SERIES OF RAIDS MEXICAN PRISONS AND JAILS TO FREE AMERICAN PRISONERS. THEY BELIEVE THAT UNDERPAID MEXICAN GUARDS WILL NOT RISK THEIR LIVES TO TRY AND STOP THESE EFFORTS.

COMMITTEE" INDICATED THAT IN THOSE AREAS TOO FAR FROM THE BORDER TO MAKE DIRECT RELEASE OF PRISONERS PRACTICABLE, THERE WERE "PLENTY OF MEXICAN HOTELS AND GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS" WHICH COULD BE BOMBED IN ORDER COERCE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT INTO RELEASEING AMERICAN PRISONERS.

3. MEMBERS OF THE "COMMITTEE" STATED THAT IN INTERVIEW SCHEDULED TO BE Aired TONIGHT THEY WILL NAME THEIR IMMEDIATE TARGETS.

4. SINCE INTERVIEW APPARENTLY PRERECORDED AT UNKNOWN DATE, THERE IS DISTINCT POSSIBILITY "AMERICAN ESCAPE COMMITTEE" COULD INSTITUTE ANY ACTION IT WAS GOING TO TAKE

ALMOST IMMEDIATELY.

5. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES IT APPROPRIATE IT MAY BRING THIS MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT POINTING OUT THAT THE US GOVERNMENT DECRIES ALL SUCH TERRORIST

THREATS AND ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY TELL GOM THAT WHILE WE MAY HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE TREATMENT OF SOME AMERICAN PRISONERS WE DO NOT QUESTION THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT TO ARREST, TRY AND IF FOUND GUILTY IMPRISON LAW BREAKERS OF ANY NATIONALITY INCLUDING US REPEAT US.

6. AT THE PRESENT TIME WE ARE UNABLE TO EVALUATE THE SERIOUSNESS OR CAPABILITY OF THE "AMERICAN ESCAPE COMMITTEE TO CARRY OUT ITS THREATS. KISSINGER

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